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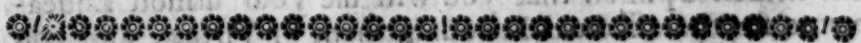
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the said Month and Year.



I.

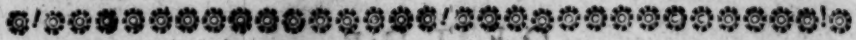
*The King's Commission to ALEXANDER
Earl of Leven produced, and order-
ed to be recorded.*

Edinburgh, the 10th Day of May 1750. Sess. 1.



HE General Assembly of this National Church
being convened and constituted, there was pro-
duced to them, by the Right Honourable *Alex-
ander Earl of Leven*, His MAJESTY'S Com-
mission, sealed with the Seal appointed by the
Treaty of Union to be kept and used in *Scotland*, in plac
of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, making and constituting him
His Majesty's High Commissioner and Representative in
this Assembly, of the same Tenor with the Commission
granted

granted to his Lordship last Year, and anno 1748; which Commission was publickly read with all due Honour and Respect, and appointed to be recorded in the Books of Assembly.



II.

*The King's most gracious Letter to the
General Assembly, presented to them
by his Majesty's Commissioner,*

Edinburgh, May 10th 1750, Sess. I.

GEORGE R.



RIGHT Reverend and Well-beloved, We greet you well. You have, in all Times past, shewn so steady a Zeal for the Support of the Protestant Succession, and such a constant Affection for Our Person and Government, and the promoting of true Religion and Piety, that We do most willingly countenance this your Meeting with Our Approbation and Royal Authority, having the firmest Opinion that you will use your utmost Endeavours for the effectual Encouragement of Virtue; and you may be assured, that the Church of *Scotland*, as established by Law, shall have Our Protection for the Enjoyment of all its Rights and Privileges.

The Experience We have, for so many Years, had of the Fidelity, Prudence, and good Conduct of Our Right Trusty and entirely beloved Cousin, *Alexander Earl of Leven*, and of his Capacity for discharging a Trust of such Importance, has determined Us to make choice of him to represent Our Person again in this Assembly; and the Knowledge you have of his Attachment to Us and Our Government, and of his Zeal for the Church of *Scotland*, will, We doubt not, make him very agreeable to you.

As the End of your Meeting, at this Time, is purely for the Advancement of Religion and Piety, We assure Ourselves, that you will not suffer any Thing to be done, as far as depends on you, but what may contribute to the Attainment thereof: And so We bid you heartily farewell.

Given, at Our Court at *St. James's*, the third Day of *April* 1750, in the twenty-third Year of Our Reign.

By his Majesty's Command,

HOLIES NEWCASTLE.

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III.

*The General Assembly's Answer to the
King's most gracious Letter.*

Edinburgh, May 12th 1750, Sess. 3.

May it please your Majesty,



HE very gracious Letter, with which your Majesty has been pleased to honour us, was received with all the Duty and Thankfulness becoming loyal Subjects of your auspicious and benign Government.

That your Majesty is pleased so willingly to countenance our Meeting in this Assembly with your Royal Approbation and Authority, affects our Hearts with the warmest and most lively Sense of Gratitude; and it gives us the greater Joy, that your Majesty, at the same Time, is pleased to express such honourable Sentiments concerning us, that in all Times past we have shown a steady Zeal for the Support of the Protestant Succession, a constant Affection for your Royal Person and Government, and the promoting of true Religion and Piety; and that your Majesty has the firmest Opinion we will use our utmost Endeavours for the effectual Encouragement of Virtue. Such Confidence in us must render us utterly inexcusable, if, by any Neglect of our Duty, we should disappoint it, and should forfeit the Applauses our Sovereign discovers such Readiness to bestow on us.

Your Majesty's renewed Assurances, that the Church of *Scotland*, as established by Law, shall have your Royal Protection for the Enjoyment of all its Rights and Privileges, oblige us, in the strongest Manner, to renew our humble and dutiful Expressions of our most inviolable Loyalty and Affection to your Majesty's Person and Government, of our entire Reliance upon your Royal Assurances, and of our firm Confidence in your Protection and Favour.

The continuing your Royal Bounty, for the Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, is such an Evidence of your Princely Care for the Encouragement of Religion, Virtue and Industry, that we must always acknowledge it with the highest Gratitude.

The repeated Choice made by your Majesty of the Earl of *Leven* to represent your Royal Person in this Assembly, is justly regarded as a further Proof of your Royal Favour to us. We observe, with the greatest Satisfaction, the just Confi-

dence your Majesty places in his Fidelity, Prudence, good Conduct and Capacity, for discharging a Trust of such Importance, founded upon the Experience of many Years; and the Knowledge which we have of his Attachment to your Royal Person and Government, and of his Zeal for the Church of *Scotland*, must still render him very agreeable to us.

Your Majesty's assured Persuasion, that we will suffer nothing to be done, as far as depends on us, but what may contribute to the great End of our Meeting, which is purely for the Advancement of Religion and Piety, lays us under the strongest Obligations to keep that great End steadily in View, and to pursue such Measures only as may tend to the Attainment of it, whereby we may most faithfully discharge our Duty to God, at the same Time that we answer your Majesty's just Expectations.

That God may abundantly bless and long preserve your Majesty for the Happiness of these Nations; that your sacred Person and valuable Life may always and every where be under the Protection of his good and watchful Providence; that he may direct all your Councils abroad, and your Administration at Home; and restore you with Peace and Honour to your *British* Dominions; that he may eminently bless the Prince and Princess of *Wales* and their Issue, the Duke, the Princesses, and all the Branches of your Royal Family; and that after a long and happy Reign on Earth, over a free and flourishing People, your Majesty may inherit an immortal Crown, are the sincere and hearty Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

*Your Majesty's most faithful, most dutiful, and
most loyal Subjects,*

*The Ministers and Elders met in this National
Assembly of the Church of Scotland,*

*Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at
our Appointment, by*

ROBERT PATOUN Moderator.

IV.

*Act and Resolution concerning an Application to Parliament for an Augmentation to Minister's Stipends.*Edinburgh, 17th May 1750, *Sess.* 7th.

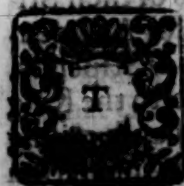
THE General Assembly considering the distressed Circumstances of many Ministers of this Church, arising from the Smallness of their Stipends, the Expence of Processes for Augmentations, and the dilatory Payment of Stipends, do resolve on an humble Application to be made to the King and Parliament for the following Purposes.--- That in raising of Summonses for Modification, Locality, or Augmentation of Stipends, instead of the usual Method of summoning by a Messenger, it shall be sufficient, that a general Citation be made by every Parish Clerk from his Desk, upon a Lords Day, immediately after Divine Service in the Forenoon, and that Letters be wrote, by the Moderator of the Presbytery, to the absent Heretors, except such as are forth of the Kingdom, who are to be summoned by a Messenger, at the Market Cross of *Edinburgh*, Peir and Shoar of *Leith*.--- That it shall be in the Power of the Moderator, with Consent of the Presbytery, to pursue for Modification, Locality or Augmentation, whether there be a Minister settled in the Parish, or the Parish be vacant.--- That Ministers Stipends, if not paid within the Year, shall bear Interest from the first Half Year after they become due.--- That Power be given to the Commission of Tiends to suppress Parishes which they find not proper to be continued separate Parishes, and to annex them to one or more of the adjacent Parishes.--- That the said Commission have likewise a Power to alter the Divisions of Parishes, on a View to divide them as they see Cause.--- The General Assembly instructs those to be commissioned by them, most humbly to pray for Relief in the Premises, and for such further Relief as to his Majesty and the two Houses of Parliament shall, in their great Wisdom, seem meet. And it was declared by the Moderator from the Chair to be the Mind of the Assembly, that, by this last Clause, it was understood, that the Commissioners to Parliament might apply for an Increase of the *Minimum*.

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V.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and for managing his Majesty's Royal Bounty for that End.

Edinburgh, May 21st 1750, a. m. Sess. 10th.



THE General Assembly do hereby nominate, commissionate and appoint the Reverend Mr. Robert Patoun, Minister at Renfrew, their Moderator; Mr. Thomas Tullideph Principal of St. Leonard's College at St. Andrews; Mr. Neil Campbell Principal of the College of Glasgow; Mr. William Wishart Principal of the College of Edinburgh; Mr. John Lumsden Professor of Divinity in the King's College of Aberdeen; Mr. Robert Pollock Professor of Divinity in the Marischal College of Aberdeen; Mr. Andrew Shaw Professor of Divinity in the University of St. Andrews; Mr. William Leechman Professor of Divinity in the College of Glasgow; Mr. John Goudie Professor of Divinity in the University of Edinburgh; Mr. Matthew Stewart Professor of Mathematicks therein; Mr. William Gastart at Edinburgh, Mr. Robert Wallace there, Mr. James Weatherpoon at Tester, his Majesty's Chaplains; Masters James Walker at Canongate, James Nisbet at Edinburgh, John Guthrie at Ratho, John Mathison at Edinburgh, George Logan there, James Bannatyne there, George Fordice at Corstorphine, Robert Kintoch at Edinburgh, John Glen there, Thomas Pitcairn at West-kirk, James Stevenson at Edinburgh, Patrick Cuming there, George Lindsay at North-Leith, Robert Hamilton at Edinburgh, George Wishart there, William Aitkin at South-Leith, Alexander Webster at Edinburgh, Frederick Carmichael there, Gilbert Hamilton at Cramond, William Bennet at Duddingston, Robert Walker at South-Leith, George Kay at West-kirk, David Moubray at Currie, John Jardine at Libberton, Hugh Blair at Canongate, Alexander Bryce at Kirknewton, William Smith in the Castle of Edinburgh, John Hyndman at Collingtoun, James Tair at Campvere, James Nasmyth at Dalmenie, Robert Dalgliesh at Linlithgow, Alexander Wardrobe at Whitburn, Patrick Bennet at Polmont, John Thomson at Libbertoun, Thomas Henderson at Skirling,

ling, Thomas Findlater at Linton, Thomas Gibson at Kirkcud, David Plenderleith at Dalkeith, Archibald Walker at Temple, John Bonar at Cockpen, Andrew Dickson at Aberlady, Archibald Blair at Garvat, John Hamilton at Bolton, William Orr at Spot, John Lundie at Old-Hamstocks, William Home at Polwarth, John Allan at Row, David Balmain at Wester-kirk, Duncan Macfarlane at Drymen, Colin Campbell at Egleshom, John Scot at Stonhouse, John Pinkerton at Dalziel, Dugald Allan at Innerhauken, Patrick Campbell at Inverary, James Stewart at Killin, Robert Menzies at Comrie, Archibald Bannatyne at Dore, Andrew Turnbull at Kippin, Robert Stark at Kinross, Henry Ogilvie at Lunn, William Mill at Inverkiethny, Theodore Gordon at Kinnethmont, Peter Reid at Clait, John Mair at Rayne, Alexander Gordon at Kintore, Peter Grant at Urray, Alexander Chalmers at Cairney, Robert Logan at Rafford, Thomas Gordon at Dundurcas, Alexander Geddes at Birsay, Alexander MacLaggan at Little-Dunkeld, John Campbell at Daviot, Robert Monro at Kilmuir-Wester, John M'Lennan at Contane, William Scobie at Affint, Alexander Riddoch at Kirkwall, George Ellis at Carriden, William Sommerville at Hawick, Ministers; His Grace James Duke of Athole, Archibald Duke of Argyle, the Most Honourable the Marquis of Lothian, the Right Honourable the Earl of Leven, the Right Honourable James Lord Sommerville, the Right Honourable Robert Dundas of Arnistoun, Esq; Lord President of the Court of Session, the Right Honourable William Grant of Prestongrange His Majesty's Advocate, Charles Areskine of Tintwald Lord Justice Clerk, Hugh Dalrymple of Drumore, Esq; Patrick Grant of Elchies, Esq; John Sinclair of Murkle, Esq; and Patrick Boyle of Shewaltoun, Esq; four of the Senators of the College of Justice, Colin Campbell of Kilbryde, Esq; one of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs, Archibald MacAnlay, Esq; present Lord Provost of Edinburgh, George Drummond, Esq; late Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Andrew Dickson late Provost of Haddington, James White of Stockbridges, Mr. Andrew Pringle Advocate, Mr. Patrick Haldane of Bearcrofts one of His Majesty's Solicitors, Thomas Dundas younger of Fingask, Mr. David Dalrymple Advocate, Procurator for the Church, Archibald Campbell of Knocknie Esq; Robert MacIntosh Agent for the Church, Albert Monro of Coul, Archibald Campbell of Alderslie, Alexander MacMillan of Dunmore Writer to the Signet, Robert Montgomery Dean of Guild of Edinburgh, Sir Archibald Grant of Monusk, George Cunningham Surgeon in Edinburgh, Mr. Robert Dundas younger of Arnistoun, Mr. James Areskine

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junior,

junior, Advocate, Dr. *Alexander Martine* of *Little Aires*, Physician, Mr. *James Davidson* of *Haltree*, *John Osburn*, Esq; late Provost of *Edinburgh*, *Alexander Blackwood*, late Baillie of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *Charles Campbell* of *Lochland*, Mr. *James Stewart* Merchant, and late Baillie of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *Joseph Williamson* Advocate, *James Græme* of *Damside*, Writer to the Signer, and *John Paton* Bookseller in *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elders, to be a Committee of this Assembly, for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands of *Scotland*, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, suppressing of Popery and Profaneness, and for managing the Royal Bounty given for these Ends, according to, and in Terms of his Majesty's Grant to this Assembly, and the sixth Act of last Assembly, and whole Acts therein mentioned, and in Acts formerly made and referred to, in the Commissions granted to former Committees, any five of the above-named Persons are declared to be a *Quorum*, whereof three to be Ministers: But it is hereby appointed, That, at the quarterly Meeting of the said Committee, when the Scheme or Establishment of Missionaries, for the Year ensuing, shall be approved and determined, nine Ministers and five Ruling Elders, at least, shall be a *Quorum*; and the said Committee are appointed to have their Meetings at *Edinburgh*, in the Hall of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Christian Knowledge, the last *Thursday* of every Month, at Three of the Clock Afternoon, and also the first lawful Day after the Adjournment of the four stated Diets of the Commission of the General Assembly, at Ten of the Clock Forenoon, except when it falls to be upon *Friday* or *Saturday*, and then the Meeting is to be upon *Monday* next thereafter, at the said Hour; with Power to the said Committee to adjourn themselves to such Times and Places as they shall find most needful and convenient; and they are to keep a Correspondence with the Commission of the General Assembly, and the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, and their Committee of Directors, and take their Advice and Assistance. And the General Assembly do, by these Presents, nominate and appoint the said Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, to be Receiver of the foresaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the same as he shall be directed and ordered by the said Committee, and according to their Rules. And the said Committee are appointed to examine the Accounts of the Distribution of the Royal Bounty, and lay the same before the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, or the Barons of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and to report their Diligence to the General Assembly, to whom they are to be accountable. And it is agreed, that no Person once employed, and insert in the Scheme, shall be struck out thereof for that Year, but by the *Quorum* of

of at least nine Ministers and five Ruling Elders: And in case any Complaint shall be made against any of them on the Scheme, it shall not be determined at the first ordinary Meeting that the same is offered, but shall ly on the Table till another Meeting; and, in the mean Time, the Person complained of, and the Presbytery of the Bounds wherein he officiates, shall be acquainted of such Complaint, and these concerned be required to send to the said Committee a just Account of the Matter, against their next Meeting. And it is further appointed, That, after the yearly Scheme of Missionaries on the Royal Bounty is settled in Manner above-directed, and Notice thereof given by Letters to the Presbyteries concerned, such Presbyteries shall send up to the said Committee their Answers to these Letters, at farthest, with their Commissioners to the General Assembly, if the same be not done sooner; and that the Committee, at their Meeting in *May*, shall name a Sub-committee of their Number, for preparing the next Year's Scheme, who are to lay their Draught thereof before a subsequent Meeting.

VI.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders for discussing Affairs referred to them.

Edinburgh, May 21st. 1750, a. m. Sess. 10th.

THE General Assembly, considering that there are divers Affairs which they cannot overtake, do hereby nominate, commissionate and appoint the Reverend Mr. *Robert Patoun* Minister at *Renfrew*, their Moderator, and, from the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *John Goudie* Professor of Divinity in the University of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *John Glen* at *Edinburgh*, Mr. *Patrick Cuming* there, Mr. *Robert Wallace* there, Mr. *William Smith* in the Castle Kirk, Mr. *David Moubray* at *Currie*, Ministers; the Right Hon. *James Lord Somerville*, the Right Hon. *Robert Dundas* of *Arnistoun*, Lord President of the Court of Session, *Robert Montgomery* present Dean of Guild of *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elders: City of *Edinburgh*, *Archibald MacAulay* Esq; present Lord Provost thereof, *William Keir Baxter* in *Edinburgh*; University of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *Matthew Stewart* Professor of Mathematicks therein; Church of *Campvere*, Mr. *James*

James Tair Minister; From the Presbytery of Linlithgow, Mr. James Nasmyth at Dalmenie; Mr. Robert Dalgliesh at Linlithgow, Mr. Alexander Wardrop at Whitburn, Mr. Patrick Bennet at Polmont, Ministers; Mr. Patrick Haldane of Bearcrofts, one of his Majesty's Solicitors; Mr. Joseph Williamson of Foxhall, Advocate, Ruling Elders: Burgh of Linlithgow, Mr. James Dundas of Philpstone Advocate: Burgh of Queensferry, George Dundas of Dundas; From the Presbytery of Biggar, Mr. John Thomson at Liberton, Mr. Thomas Henderson at Skirling, Ministers, James Deans in Parish of Glenholm, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Peebles, Mr. Thomas Finlater at Linton, Mr. Thomas Gibson at Kirkcud, Ministers; William Ker, late Baillie of Peebles, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dalkeith, Mr. David Plenderleith at Dalkeith, Mr. Archibald Walker at Temple, Mr. John Bonnar at Cockpen, Ministers; Mr. Robert Dundas younger of Arncliffe, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Haddington, Mr. Andrew Dickson at Aberlady, Mr. Archibald Blair at Garvat, Mr. John Hamilton at Bolton, Ministers; Andrew Dickson late Provost of Haddington, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Haddington, Mr. William Law of Elvingston, Advocate: Burgh of North-Berwick, Mr. Robert Swinton, Merchant there: From the Presbytery of Dunbar, Mr. William Orr at Spot, Mr. John Liddle at Old Hamstocks, Ministers; Alexander Hamilton of Pancaitland, Esq; Ruling Elder: Burgh of Dunbar, Mr. Alexander Hume of Eccles, one of his Majesty's Solicitors: From the Presbytery of Dunfermline, Mr. William Home at Polwarth, Mr. Robert Montieth at Longformacus, Ministers; Andrew Home at Otterburn, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Chirnside, Mr. Robert Waugh at Hutton, Mr. Richard Bell at Mordington, Mr. James Allan at Eyemouth, Ministers; Mr. John Stewart younger of Allanbank Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Kelso, Mr. Robert Hagg at Roxburgh, Mr. James Turnbull at Linton, Ministers; Mr. William Binning Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Jedburgh, Mr. William Somerville at Hawick, Mr. Thomas Baston at Oxnam, Mr. John Roger at Hounam, Ministers; the Most Honourable the Marquis of Lothian, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Earlston, Mr. Robert Fisher at Lauder, Mr. Francis Scot at Westruther, Ministers; James Ker of Moriston, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Lauder, George Peter of Chappel: From the Presbytery of Selkirk, Mr. William Bannatyne at Tarnow, Mr. Robert Riddell at Lilliesleaf, Ministers; Mr. Andrew Pringle Advocate, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Selkirk, Dr. Plummer: From the Presbytery of Annan, Mr. Alexander Orr, at Hoddam, Mr. John Laurie at Middlebee, Mi-

Ministers, Mr. Robert Dalrymple of Priestside, Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Langholm, Mr. David Balmain at Westerkirk, Mr. Robert Malcolm at Ewes, Ministers; Robert Paterson late of Drygrange, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Lochmaben, Mr. John Allan at Kirkmichael, Mr. John Nimmo at Johnstown, Mr. James Lorimer at Mouswald, Ministers; William Kennedy in Hitae, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Lochmaben, Mr. James Erskine Advocate: From the Presbytery of Penpont, Mr. Thomas Wilson at Tynron, Mr. Robert Hunter at Kirkconnel, Ministers; Mr. William Kilpatrick of Ellisland, one of the principal Clerks of Session, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dumfries, Mr. William Irvine at New-Abbey, Mr. Thomas Hamilton at Holywood, Mr. Alexander Ker at Dunstons, Ministers; the Right Hon. the Lord Justice Clerk, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Dumfries, Provost George Bell: From the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright, Mr. George Garthshore at Kirkcudbright, Mr. Robert Thomson at Girton, Mr. Nathaniel MacKie at Crossmichael, Ministers; David MacGuffog in Craig, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Wigtown, Mr. Robert Hunter at Kirkcowan, Mr. Ebenezer Stott at Minnigaff, Ministers; Patrick Agnew of Dalreagle, Esq; Ruling Elder: Burgh of Whitburn, Dr. Alexander Martine of Little-Airies Physician, : From the Presbytery of Stranraer, Mr. Thomas Mutter at Lefswalt, Mr. Robert Finlay at Inab, Ministers; Mr. Andrew MacDowal of Kingseat Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Air, Mr. George Reid at St. Evox, Mr. William Steel at Sorn, Mr. Samuel Walker at Dalrymple, Mr. David Shaw at Coylton, Mr. John MacDermid at Straiton, Ministers; Mr. David Dalrymple, Advocate, Procurator for the Church, Mr. William Wallace of Cairnhill, Advocate, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of Irvine, Mr. John Adam at Kilbride, Mr. Robert Baird at Dunlop, Mr. James Halket at Fenwick, Ministers; William Warner of Ardier, Esq; Ruling Elder: Burgh of Irvine, the Right Hon. the Lord Shualton: From the Presbytery of Paisley, Mr. John Fleming at Kilmacollm, Mr. Alexander Scot at Innerkip, Mr. Archibald Smith at Inchinnan, Ministers; Provost John Somerville of Park, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Renfrew, William Somerville Merchant, and late Provost thereof: From the Presbytery of Hamilton, Mr. John Scot at Stonhouse, Mr. William Steel at Dalserf, Mr. John Pinkerton at Dalziel, Ministers; Mr. Richard Pillans, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Lanerk, Mr. Charles Hunter at Pettinain, Mr. William Hamilton at Douglas, Mr. John Hepburn at Crawford, Ministers; James White of Overstockbridge, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Lanerk, Robert Bell present Dean of Guild thereof: From the Presbytery of Glas.

Glasgow, Mr. Neil Campbell, Principal of the College of Glasgow, Mr. Colin Campbell at Eglesham, Mr. William Thom at Govan, Ministers; John Ritchie of Craigton, Ruling Elder: City of Glasgow, John Murdoch, senior, and one of the Baillies thereof: University of Glasgow, Mr. William Craig Dean of Faculty therein: From the Presbytery of Dumbarton, Mr. John Allan at Row, Mr. Duncan MacFarlane at Drymen, Mr. John Davidson at Old Kirkpatrick, Ministers; James Hamilton of Barns, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dunoon, Mr. Alexander MacKay at Dunoon, Mr. Dougal Allan at Inverhauken, Ministers; David Melvill of Kilmichael, Esq; Ruling Elder: From the Burgh of Rothesay, Mr. William Stewart of Hartwood: From the Presbytery of Kintyre, Mr. Charles Bannatyne at Arran, Mr. Robert Thomson at Killean, Ministers; Mr. Alexander MacMillan of Dunmore, Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Campbellton, Mr. Archibald Campbell of Elderslie, Writer to the Signet: From the Presbytery of Inverary, Mr. Patrick Campbell at Inverary, Mr. Hugh Campbell at Craignish, Ministers; Archibald Campbell of Knockbay, Esq; Ruling Elder: Burgh of Inverary, Colin Campbell of Kilbride, Esq; one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs: From the Presbytery of Lorn, Mr. James Campbell at Kilmore, Mr. Alexander MacFarlane at Kilninver, Ministers; Mr. Charles Campbell of Lochland, Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Mull, Mr. Lauchlan Campbell at Ardnamurchan, Mr. Archibald MacNiel at Morvern, Ministers; Sir Duncan Campbell of Lochnell, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dunkeld, Mr. Alexander MacLagan at Little-Dunkeld, Mr. James Stewart at Killin, Mr. James Bishop at Kinclaven, Mr. Robert Anderson at Kinloch, Ministers; Robert MacIntosh, Agent for the Church, and Patrick Small of Leanoach, Ruling Elders: From the Presbytery of Perth, Mr. James Wemyss at Errol, Mr. James Lindsay at Dumbarnie, Mr. John Faichney at Collace, Mr. Alexander Badenoch at St. Martin's, Ministers; Mr. Robert Craigie of Glendoig, Advocate, George Hay of Leys, Ruling Elders: Burgh of Perth, Patrick Cree, late Provost thereof: From the Presbytery of Stirling, Mr. William Warden at Gargunock, Mr. Lauchlan Taylor at Larbert, Ministers; Thomas Dundas younger of Fingask, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Auchterarder, Mr. James Porteous at Monivaird, Sir William Moncrief at Blackford, Mr. Robert Menzies at Comrie, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord Monzie, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dunblane, Mr. Archibald Napier at Kilmaddock, Mr. Andrew Turnbull at Kippen, Ministers; the Right Honourable Francis Lord Napier, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dumfermline, Mr. Robert Stark at Kinross, Mr. Alexander Daling at Cleish, Mr. Thomas

mas Fairnie at Dumfermline, Ministers; Sir George Pres-
ton of Valeyfield, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Dumfermline,
David Turnbull one of the present Baillies of the said Burgh:
Burgh of Innerkiething, George Dundas Taylor there:
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chy, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Kirkaldy, John Currie Mer-
chant, and late Baillie of the said Burgh: Burgh of King-
horn, Mr. Gilbert Elliot younger of Minto, Advocate:
Burgh of Burntisland, Mr. Thomas Braid, Preacher of the
Gospel: From the Presbytery of Coupar, Mr. Andrew Mel-
vill at Cults, Mr. George Boes at Coupar, Mr. Thomas Scot
at Ceres, Mr. James Bruce at Dunbog, Ministers; the
Right Hon. Alexander Earl of Leven, Thomas Marshal
of Kilcarny, Ruling Elders: Burgh of Coupar, James Lesly
of Mildeans present Provost thereof: From the Presbytery
of St. Andrews, Mr. Andrew Shaw, Professor of Divinity
in the New College in St. Andrews, Mr. Patrick Glasf at
Craill, Mr. William Vilant at Kings-Barns, Mr. James
Clydsdale at Kilconquhar, Ministers; Mr. Alexander
Walker of St. Fort, Baillie Robert Balfour, Ruling El-
ders: University of St. Andrews, Professor Campbell:
Burgh of Pittenweem, Archibald Shanks one of the present
Baillies thereof; Burgh of Craill, James Laurie; Burgh of
Anstruther-Easter, John Bald Sadler there; Burgh of An-
struther-Wester, George Rob Taylor, and one of the pre-
sent Counsellors of the said Burgh: Burgh of Kilrennie,
Alexander Millar, Factor to Mr. Bethune of Balfour:
From the Presbytery of Meikle, Mr. David Thomson at
Meikle, Mr. David Maxwell at Eassie, Mr. John Ro-
bertson at Alyth, Ministers; Mr. Thomas Gibson of Muir-
toun, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Forfar,
Mr. Thomas Raiker at Othlaw, Mr. Robert Traill at
Rescobie, Ministers; James Carnaig of Finhaven, Esq;
Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of Dundee, Mr.
Thomas Donaldson at Liff, Mr. John Gellatly at Dundee,
Mr. David Scot at Auchterhouse, Ministers; William Mil-
lar Merchant in Dundee, Ruling Elder; Burgh of Dundee,
Alexander Duncan of Lundie: From the Presbytery of A-
berbrothwick, Mr. Henry Ogilvie, at Lunan, Mr. James
Moir at Kirkden, Ministers; the Honourable John Maul
of Inverkillor, one of the Barons of Exchequer: From the
Presbytery of Brechin, Mr. James Ker at Dun, Mr.
George Atkin at Montrose; Mr. William Traill at Log-
gie and Perte, Ministers; Lauchan Morrison, Merchant
in Montrose, Ruling Elder: Burgh of Montrose, James
Bisset Merchant: From the Presbytery of Forfar,
Mr. Henry Hamilton at Glenbervie, Mr. Alexander
Shank at Arbuthnot, Mr. James Walker at Dunno-
var, Ministers; John Lawson Merchant in Stonhive, Ruling
Elder; Burgh of Bervie, Mr. James Burnet of Montboddo:
 From

From the Presbytery of *Aberdeen*, Mr. *John Lumsden*, Professor of Divinity in the King's College of *Aberdeen*, Mr. *James Nicolson* at *Banchory*, Mr. *William Innes* at *Skeen*, Mr. *Robert Pollock* Professor of Divinity in the Marishal College of *Aberdeen*; the Right Honourable *William Grant* of *Prestongrange*, his Majesty's Advocate, the Honourable *Alexander Robertson* of *Glasgow*, present Provost of *Aberdeen*, Ruling Elders; King's College, Mr. *Daniel Braidfoot*: Marishal College, Dr. *David Verner*, Professor of Philosophy therein: From the Presbytery of *Kincairdinoniel*, Mr. *Robert Willock* at *Echt*, Mr. *George Shepherd* at *Aboyne*, Mr. *George Campbell* at *Banchory-terran*, Ministers; Sir *Arthur Forbes* of *Craigievar*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Alfoord*, Mr. *Walter Syme* at *Tillineffe*, Mr. *Patrick Reid* at *Clatt*, Mr. *Theodore Gordon* at *Kennethmont*, Ministers; *Alexander Redfoord* Merchant in *Clatt*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Ellon*, Mr. *Alexander Knowles* at *Methlick*, Mr. *Robert Innes* at *Udny*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Garioch*, Mr. *Alexander Gordon* at *Kintore*, Mr. *John Mair* at *Rayne*, Mr. *John Likly* at *Old-Meldrum*, Ministers; the Right Honourable the Lord *Drumore*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Deer*, Mr. *Robert Garden* at *St. Fergus*, Mr. *James Johnston* at *Crimond*, Mr. *William Taylor* at *New-Deer*, Ministers; the Right Hon. the Lord *Strichen*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Turreff*, Mr. *William Milne* at *Inverkeithny*, Mr. *David Bennerman* at *Forglen*, Ministers; *George Ironside* at *Alvah*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Fordice*, Mr. *James Lautie* at *Fordice*, Mr. *James Anderson* at *Boyndie*, Ministers; *Alexander Grant* of *Ochiniel* Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Strathbogie*, Mr. *Patrick Gordon* at *Rhynie*, Mr. *Alexander Chalmers* at *Cairnie*, Ministers; From the Presbytery of *Aberlour*, Mr. *Thomas Gordon* at *Dundurcas*, Mr. *James Gray* at *Rothies*, Ministers; Mr. *James Grant*, Preacher of the Gospel, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Abernethy*, Mr. *William Blair* at *Kinguise*, Mr. *William Gordon* at *Alvie*, Ministers; Mr. *John Grant* younger of *Elchies*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Elgin*, Mr. *William Dougald* at *New-Spynie*, Mr. *Robert Miln* at *Speymouth*, Ministers; *Joseph Brodie* of *Milton*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Elgin*, Baillie *Robert Grant* Merchant in *Elgin*: From the Presbytery of *Forreß*, Mr. *John Squire* at *Forreß*, Mr. *Robert Logan* at *Rafford*, Ministers; *William Thomson* in *Forreß*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Inverness*, Mr. *Archibald Bannatyne* at *Dores*, Mr. *John Campbell* at *Daviot*, Ministers; *John Baillie* Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Inverness*, *Gilbert Gordon* Dean of Guild thereof: From the

the Presbytery of Chanonry, Mr. *Alexander Fraser* at *Avoch*, Mr. *Robert Monro* at *Kilmuir-Wester*, Ministers; *Alexander Gordon* of *Ardoch*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Tain*, Mr. *Donald Ross* at *Fearn*, Mr. *John Porteous* at *Kilmuir-Easter*, Ministers; the Hon. *William* Master of *Ross*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dingwall*, Mr. *John MacLennan* at *Contane*, Mr. *Patrick Grant* at *Urray*, Ministers; *Albert Monro* of *Coul*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Abertarph*, Mr. *Thomas Fraser* at *Boleskine*, Mr. *John Grant* at *Urquhart*, Ministers; Sir *Archibald Grant* of *Monymusk*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Skye*, Mr. *John MacPherson* at *Slait*, Mr. *Donald Nicolson* at *Strath*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Lewis*, Mr. *John Clark* at *Stornoway*, Mr. *Normand Morison* at *Vig*, Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Uist*, Mr. *Donald MacLeod* at *North-Uist*, Mr. *John MacAulay* at *South-Uist* Ministers: From the Presbytery of *Gairloch*, Mr. *Donald MacLeod* at *Lochalsh*, Mr. *Aeneas Sage* at *Lochcarron*, Ministers; *Donald Mathison* in *Belmacara*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dornoch*, Mr. *James Smith* at *Criech*, Mr. *William Scobie*, at *Assint*, Ministers; *Robert Monro* of *Blairich*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Tong*, Mr. *Walter Ross* at *Tong*, Mr. *John Skeldoch* at *Far*, Ministers; Captain *George MacKay* of *Skiho*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Caithness*, Mr. *James Brodie* at *Latheron*, Mr. *James Brodie* at *Canasbee*, Ministers; Mr. *William Hallawel* Preacher of the Gospel, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Wick*, *George Sinclair* of *Ulbster*, Esq; From the Presbytery of *Kirkwall*, Mr. *John Ballatyne* at *South-Ronaldshay*, Mr. *Alexander Ruddoch* at *Kirkwal*, Ministers; *Alexander Gibson*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Cairston*, Mr. *Alexander Geddes* at *Birsay*, Mr. *William Nisbet* at *Firth*, Ministers; Mr. *Andrew Ross*, Factor for the Earl of *Morton*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *North-Isles*, Mr. *Robert Scollay* at *Stronsay*, Mr. *John Scollay* at *Crofs parish*, Ministers; *Jerom Dennison* of *Noutland*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Zetland*, Mr. *James Buchan* at *Walls*, Mr. *William Mitchel* at *Tingwall*, Ministers; Sir *Andrew Mitchel* of *Westshore*, Ruling Elder; With his Grace *James Duke* of *Athole*, his Grace *Archibald Duke* of *Argyle*, the Most Honourable *John Marquis* of *Tweeddale*, the Right Honourable *James Earl* of *Mortoun*, the Right Honourable *Hugh Earl* of *Marchmont*, the Right Honourable *Sir Gilbert Elliot* of *Minto*, Mr. *Patrick Grant* of *Elchies*, Mr. *John Sinclair* of *Murkle*, three of the Senators of the College of Justice, Sir *John Clark* of *Pennycuik*, one of the Barons of Exchequer, Ruling Elders, to be Commissioners of this General Assembly, to the Effects after-mentioned, with Power to the

said Commissioners, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any Thirty-one of the said Commissioners, whereof Twenty-one are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene within the Assembly-house at *Edinburgh*, the first Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, and thereafter the first *Wednesday* of *August*, and second *Wednesdays* of *November* and *March* next to come, and oftner, when and where they shall think fit and convenient; with Power to the said Commissioners to chuse their own Moderator: And likewise the General Assembly fully impowers their said Commissioners, or their *Quorum* above-mentioned, to cognosce and finally determine, as they shall see Cause, in every Matter referred, or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Assembly, and to do every thing contained in, and conform to the Instructions given, or to be given by this Assembly; and to advert to the Interest of the Church on every Occasion, that the Church, and present Establishment thereof, do not suffer, or sustain any Prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable: Providing always, that this general Clause be not extended to particular Affairs, or Processes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of universal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed, That no private Processes be determined, except at the four stated Diets; and what shall be determined at one Diet of the Commission, with relation to private Causes, shall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in Force till disapproved by the General Assembly; and the General Assembly renews the Instructions, given by the General Assembly, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, to their Commission, and appoints the same to stand in full Force, as Instructions to the Commissioners before named, and to be observed by them in all Points, as if the same were specially here insert: And that they inquire into the publishing and spreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions of whatever Kind, inconsistent with our *Confession of Faith*; and that the Recommenders of such Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Writ, or Print, be called before the said Commission to answer for the same. And further, the said Commission is hereby empowered to receive any References and Appeals that shall be made to them from Synods, in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen such Affairs for the General Assembly, and to contribute what they can to the suppressing of Vice and Immorality; and give all needful Advice and Assistance to Synods and Presbyteries, upon Application to them for that End: Likewise to take care that the Impressions of the *Holy Scriptures*, the *Confession of Faith*, and *Catechisms*, and such Books

Books as are authorised by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government thereof, be correct, and give Directions about printing the same, And the said Commission are appointed and impowered to keep a Correspondence with the Committee for Reformation of the *Highlands and Islands*, for suppressing Popery and Superstition, and for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, and carrying on a Reformation in these Parts, and give Assistance and Concurrence therein; and, if Need be, to apply to the Government for a proper Remedy and speedy Redress. And the said Commissioners are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other Matters, than what are committed and referred to them, as above-mentioned: And, in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the same; declaring, that in, and for all their Actings, they shall be accountable to, and censurable by the next General Assembly, as they shall see Cause: And this Commission is to continue and endure until another Commission be appointed; and Members are required to attend the Diets of the said Commission, and Absents therefrom ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th Act of the General Assembly, held in the Year One thousand seven hundred and six; and for the better securing of a *Quorum*, and Attendance of Members on the Commission, the General Assembly prohibits the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, or any other Presbytery within twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meeting of this Commission; and such of the Members of these Presbyteries as are on the Commission are required, all of them, to give Attendance on the Diets thereof; and the Presbyteries at a greater Distance, who have four or more Members on the Commission, are to take care that at least two of them attend each Diet of the same; and the Assembly appoint their Commission, at their first Meeting, to discuss as many of the Causes and Questions, relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are, or shall be referred to them by the Assembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, That when any Presbytery or Synod of this Church shall decline to comply with the Sentences of the Commission, or to give the same a full Execution; in that Case, the Commission is hereby prohibited to execute the same, by appointing any such correspondent Meetings, as has been sometimes the Practice, but shall allow the same to ly over to the ensuing Assembly, to which such Presbyteries or Synods shall be answerable for such their Conduct, and are hereby appointed to send up with their Commissioners their Reasons for the same. And the Assembly doth further impower and direct the said Commission to
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make due Application to the King and Parliament for Redress of the Grievance of Patronage, in case a favourable Opportunity for so doing shall occur, during the Subsistence of this Commission. And the General Assembly do enjoin their Commission, that in passing their Sentences, and in ordering the Execution of the same, they strictly observe the 12th Act of the Assembly 1736.

VII.

Congratulatory Address to his Majesty, on the late Increase of the Royal Family, by the Birth of a Prince.

Edinburgh, May 21st 1750, p.m. Sess. ult.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

The humble ADDRESS of the General Assembly
of the CHURCH of SCOTLAND.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in the General Assembly, humbly beg Leave to approach your Sacred Person with our sincere and hearty Congratulations on the Birth of a young Prince, in your illustrious and Royal House.

WE cheerfully embrace this Opportunity, to assure your Majesty, that the Increase of the Family of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, gives us the highest and most sensible Pleasure, as it is, under God, a Pledge of all the Happiness of a good Government, of all the Blessings of Religion and Liberty to us, and to our latest Posterity; as it is the firmest Security of the Protestant Interest, and of the Peace and Freedom of Europe; and, as it tends to prevent our Fears, and to extinguish the Hopes of the Enemies of our Country, and of our present happy Constitution.

IN this, as in many other happy Events, we contemplate and adore the Wisdom and Goodness of the Divine Providence, and cease not, with most thankful Acknowledgments,
daily

daily to present our earnest and ardent Prayers to the Sovereign of the Universe, and our Merciful Father in CHRIST JESUS, to make us, with all the Subjects of your Majesty's happy Government, worthy of those Instances and Proofs of Divine Favour.

THAT your Majesty may be long preserved to Reign in the Hearts of a free and flourishing People, and at last receive a Crown of unfading Glory. That their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of *Wales*, blest in a numerous Progeny, his Royal Highness the Duke, and all the Branches of your august Family, may live long the objects of the Love and Affection of all your faithful Subjects, and, having finished a course of Honour and Virtue here, may receive the Reward of Immortal Glory, are the constant and fervent Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most dutiful, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

ROBERT PATOUN Moderator.

VIII.

ACT appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh, 21st May 1750, p. m. Sess. ult.



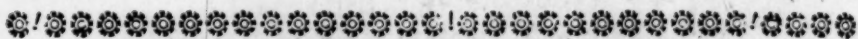
THE next General Assembly of this National Church is appointed to be held in this Place upon the second *Thursday* of *May* next, being the Ninth Day of that Month, in the Year 1751.

Collected and extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, by

GEORGE WISHART, *Cls. Eccl. Scot.*

*Overture about the more frequent Celebration of the Lord's Supper.*Edinburgh, 21st May 1750, *Sess. ult.*

THE General Assembly finding that so few Presbyteries have sent up Reports and Opinions to this Assembly, with respect to the Overture about the more frequent Celebration of the Sacrament, and that the Opinions sent are so very different, the Assembly order, that the said Overture be again transmitted to Presbyteries, that they may send up their Opinions thereupon to the next General Assembly, and, in the meantime, they recommend to Ministers of this Church, to have that Ordinance administered as often as the Circumstances of the Parishes can admit.

*Overture about the Psalmody.*Edinburgh, May 21st 1750. *Sess. ult.*

THE General Assembly finding, that with respect to the Overture about the Psalmody, as the Translations and Paraphrases of Sacred Scripture were not transmitted to Presbyteries since last Assembly, no Reports were sent up to this Assembly, but it being informed that its now reprinted with Amendments, at sight of the Committee of last Assembly, the General Assembly do transmit the same, as amended, to the several Presbyteries, that they may report their Opinion thereupon to the next General Assembly.

*Overture about licensing Probationers.*Edinburgh, May 21st 1750, *Sess. ult.*

THE General Assembly do again transmit to the Consideration of the several Presbyteries, the Overture transmitted by last Assembly, about licensing Probationers, with the following Addition to Paragraph 10th. *That in any Attestations given of a young Man's having studied Divinity under any Professor, it shall be expressed, that the Years attested of his Study commenced from the Time after he had finished his Course of Philosophy.*

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*Overture anent Presbyteries neglecting
to send up their Opinions on the O-
vertures transmitted to them by the
Assembly.*

Edinburgh May 21st 1750, Sess. ult.



THE General Assembly considering that the Opinion of the Plurality of Presbyteries of this Church is requisite before any publick Acts can be past, and that few Presbyteries have returned to this Assembly their Opinions upon the Overtures lately transmitted to them; the General Assembly remits to the several Presbyteries, to have under Consideration, and report to the next General Assembly, what may be proper to be done in Cases where Presbyteries neglect to send up their Opinions to the Assembly.

*Overture anent Processes against Pro-
bationers.*

Edinburgh May 21st 1750, Sess. ult.



THE General Assembly considering that none of the Presbyteries have sent up to this Assembly their Opinion upon the Overture about extending the Article of the Form of Process relating to Informations against Ministers to Probationers, which had been transmitted to them by the Assembly in the Year 1748, and thereafter sent by last Assembly to such Presbyteries as had sent up no Reports; the General Assembly do now again transmit the same to the Presbyteries, that such of them, as have not already sent up their Opinions to former Assemblies, may transmit the same to the next General Assembly.

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Actings and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Church of *Scotland*, held in the Year 1750, which are not printed at full Length.

AFTER Sermon by the Rev. Mr. *Patrick Cuming*, one of the Ministers of *Edinburgh*, Moderator of the last General Assembly, the Ministers and Ruling Elders, Members of this Assembly, did convene, and Mr. *Robert Patoun* Minister at *Renfrew* being chosen Moderator, he, at the Assembly's Desire, took the Chair. *May 10th, Sess. 1.*

The King's Commission to *Alexander* Earl of *Leven*, to represent His Majesty's Royal Person in this Assembly, read and recorded. *Ibid.*

The King's Most gracious Letter to this Assembly, read and recorded. *Ibid.*

The Commissioner's Speech at opening this Assembly, and the Moderator's Speech in return thereto. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to draw an Answer to the King's most gracious Letter. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Commissions to Members of this Assembly, censure Absents from the Diets of this Assembly, name Ministers to preach before his Grace the King's Commissioner, receive in Lists of Probationers in the several Presbyteries, in order to be recorded, and of Students of Divinity at the several Universities, and report. *Ibid.*

Committee for Overtures named. *Ibid.*

Committee for Bills, References and Appeals named. *Ibid.*

A Diet spent in Prayer. *May 11th, Sess. 2.*

Ministers named to preach before his Grace the King's Commissioner. *Ibid.*

The Act 7th of the Assembly 1718, for the better Dispatch of the Business of Assembly, read, and the Observation thereof enjoined. *Ibid.*

The Draught of an Answer to the King's most gracious Letter to this Assembly brought in and approved, and his Grace the Commissioner undertakes to transmit the same to His Majesty. *May 12th. Sess. 3.*

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The Report of the Committee for revising Commissions brought in and read, bearing that the Commission from the Presbytery of *Stranrawer* is dated the 21st *February*, and that the Commission from the Burgh of *Dumblane* is dated the 10th *January*, both which Elections have not been made within a Month preceeding the first of the 40 Days before the Meeting of this Assembly; that the Commission from the Burgh of *Haddington* is dated 3d *April*, which is within the 40 Days of the Assembly's Meeting; that there is no Ruling Elder appointed in the Commission from the Presbytery of *Strathbogie*; that the Commission from the Burgh of *Lauder* is dated the 25th of *April* last, which is within the 40 Days of the Assembly's Meeting; that the Presbytery's Attestation to the Commission from the Burgh of *Lanerk* is defective, as wanting the Member's Qualifications, in the 4th Act of Assembly 1724. and also wants the last Clause in the Form of the Attestation, *viz.* that the Commissioner is every other Way qualified to be a Member of the Assembly, according to the Acts of Assembly; and the General Assembly sustained all the foresaid Commissions for this Time, but recommended to the above mentioned Presbyteries and Burghs to be more careful in observing the Acts of Assembly, with respect to Elections and Forms of Commissions, in Time coming; and the Assembly declared all Burghs and Universities subject to the same Rules in Elections with Presbyteries. *Ibid.*

A Committee of Persons in each Synod appointed to revise the Register of the Actings of the Commission of the late General Assembly, audite the Procurator and Agents Accounts, consider the State of the Church's publick Money, and prepare Overtures about the same, agreeable to the 7th Act of the General Assembly 1712, and 8th Act of Assembly 1719; and all Petitions and Claims for any Part of the said Money ordered to be laid before the said Committee, and they were also appointed to prepare any Overtures or References made by the late Commission to this Assembly. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Register of the Committee named by the last Assembly for managing the Royal Bounty for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands*. *Ibid.*

A Committee named for revising the Synod Books of *Lothian*, and *Tweeddale*, *Merse* and *Teviotdale*, *Galloway*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, *Fife*, *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Sutherland* and *Caithness*, and Presbytery Book of *Zetland*. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Dumfries*, *Glasgow* and *Air*, *Argyle*, *Aberdeen*, *Murray*, *Ross*, *Glenelg*, and *Orkney*, absent, and resolved that the Reasons thereof be enquired into. *Ibid.*

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The Committee for Overtures appointed to receive the Instructions from the several Presbyteries and Synods, consider the same, and report. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee appointed by last Assembly to have under Consideration what concerns the Augmentation of Minister's Stipends, brought in and read, and the Consideration thereof delayed 'till *Monday* next. *Ibid.*

The Report and Opinion of the Committee appointed for concerting the Scheme for applying the Royal Bounty, granted by his Majesty annually, towards the making of new Erections of Parishes, brought in and read, and ordered to lye upon the Table 'till another Sederunt. *Ibid.*

A Letter from the Right Hon. the Lord High Chancellor, in return to a Letter of Thanks wrote to his Lordship by Order of last Assembly, for his Favour and Countenance in passing the Bill in Parliament, relative to the Widows Scheme, read. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to consider Proposals offered by the Trustees of the deceased *George Lord Rae*, for borrowing at four and a half *per Cent.* the Sum of 1500 *l. Sterl.* collected several Years ago thro' *Scotland*, towards the Erection of new Parishes in *Strathnaver*, and which is heretably secured on the Estate of *Innes of Sandside*, who has given a Premonition to the Procurator for the Church, that he is to pay up the said Principal Sum and Interest at this present Term of *Whitsunday*. *Ibid.*

A Petition for *Archibald Govan*, Clerk to Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, craving an annual stated Allowance to be paid him, in Place of the Fees he receives as Procurator's Clerk, in Causes wherein the Church is concerned, remitted to the Committee on the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee of last Assembly anent the Augmentation of the Stipends of Ministers, read, containing the Committee's Enquiry into the Facts mentioned in the Reports sent up from the several Ministers, respecting their Stipends, and the Committee's Opinion, that ten Chalders of Victual, or the Value of it in Money, according to the usual Conversion in the Sale of Lands, is no more than a moderate Provision for Ministers over *Scotland*, and that the same is reasonable to be proposed as the *Minimum* of Ministers Stipends; and that this cannot be obtained without the Aid of Parliament.---That a Law be made to lessen the Expence of Processes for Augmentations, and preventing the dilatory Payment of Stipends.---That by a Scheme Book, in which the principal Facts are insert from the Reports of Ministers, and the Records of the Commission for Plantation of Kirks, it appears, that of 833 Benefices, separating what is allowed for Communion Elements, there

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there is one under 25 *l. Sterl.* three above 25 *l.* and not higher than 30 *l.* twelve above 30 *l.* and not higher than 35 *l.* twenty five above 35 *l.* and not higher than 40 *l.* one hundred and six above 40 *l.* and not higher than 45 *l.* one hundred and twenty six above 45 *l.* and not higher than 50 *l.* eighty four above 50 *l.* and not higher than 55 *l.* one hundred and nineteen above 55 *l.* and not higher than 60 *l.* ninety four above 60 *l.* and not higher than 65 *l.* one hundred and nineteen above 65 *l.* and not higher than 70 *l.* thirty eight above 70 *l.* and not higher than 75 *l.* twenty seven above 75 *l.* and not higher than 80 *l.* twenty two above 80 *l.* and not higher than 85 *l.* seven above 85 *l.* and not higher than 90 *l.* nine above 90 *l.* and not higher than 95 *l.* twelve above 95 *l.* and not higher than 100 *l.* three above 100 *l.* and not higher than 105 *l.* two above 105 *l.* and not higher than 110 *l.* eight above 110 *l.* and not higher than 115 *l.* sixteen of 138 *l.* 17 *s.* 9 *d.* And that the Total of these Benefices, deducing what is upon the whole allowed for Communion Elements, amounts to 50,266 *l.* 15 *s.* 5 *d.* and in these are included Stipends that are not paid out of the Tithes.---That sixty five are under the present legal *Minimum* of 800 Merks, or 44 *l.* 8 *s.* 10 *d. Sterl.* and one hundred and seventy nine have no Allowance for Communion Elements.----That, from the Accounts given of Glebes and Grass, each, at a medium, is computed to be worth 4 *l.* 2 *s.* 1 *d.*----That by a Calculation of the Tithes in *Scotland*, not affected by Ministers Stipends, the same may amount to near 60,000 *l. Sterl.* and the Committee propose, that an immediate Application be made to Parliament for Relief. And the Assembly resolved to apply to Parliament at their next Session, representing the distressed Circumstances of many Ministers of this Church, by reason of the Smallness of their Stipends, and praying for such Relief as they in their Wisdom shall think meet; and a Committee appointed to prepare a Plan of the Method in which this Affair is to be conducted, and report to the Assembly on *Thursday* next. *May 14th, Sess. 4.*

Two Sentences of the Presbytery of *Lanerk*, the first appointing a Call to be moderated to Mr. *Robert Dick* Probationer, who has a Presentation from Mr. *Lockhart* of *Lee*, to be Minister of the Parish of *Lanerk*; and the other sustaining the said Call to Mr. *Dick*, and resolving to proceed to his Trials and Settlement, as Minister of the said Parish, affirmed, and the Presbytery appointed to proceed accordingly. *May 15th, Sess. 5.*

A Committee appointed to peruse a Letter given in to the Moderator from a Protestant Church at *Breslaw* in *Silesia*, who had suffered long under Popish Tyranny, and been of late Years restored to the free Exercise of their Religion, praying for a charitable Contribution to enable them

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them to carry on and complete a Design of building a Church and School, and making Provision for Ministers and Teachers. *Ibid.*

A Motion, that the Assembly should declare it improper and indecent for any Member of the Assembly to appear at their Bar, as a Procurator in any Cause, remitted to the Consideration of the Committee for Overtures. *May 16th, Sess. 6.*

A Complaint of the Patron and others of the Parish of *Methven* against the Presbytery of *Perth*, for not complying with the Sentence of the Commission of last Assembly, pronounced in *November* last, appointing them to concur with the Call to Mr. *James Oswald* Minister at *Dunnet*, who has also a Presentation to be Minister at *Methven*, read, and another Complaint by other Heritors, Elders, and Heads of Families of the said Parish of *Methven* against the Commission their said Sentence past in *November* foresaid, with a Complaint by the Presbytery against the Commission in *March*, for their concurring with the foresaid Call to Mr. *Oswald*, and appointing the Patron and others to prosecute his Transportation, in their own and the Commission's Name before the Presbytery of *Caithness*, heard, and the two last mentioned Complaints dismissed; and the said Presbytery of *Perth* peremptorily ordained to admit the said Mr. *Oswald* as Minister at *Methven*, on or before the Tenth Day of *July* next, with Certification. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to consider of a proper Method for making the Sentences of the Assembly and Commission effectual. *Ibid.*

Report of the Visitors of the Commission Book brought in; the Commission's Conduct approved of; their Book ordered to be attested, and the Members of the Commission thanked for their Faithfulness and Diligence in the Affairs committed to them. *May 17th, Sess. 7.*

All Affairs referred by the last Assembly to their Commission, and not discussed by them, referred to the Commission to be named by this Assembly, *viz.* An Appeal of *James Watson* Merchant in *Glasgow*, and *Mary Fala* his Spouse; an Appeal of *Matthew Allan* Merchant in *Mosfat*; an Appeal of Mr. *Neil Beton*; a Reference of the Synod of *Lothian* about *Michael Bell*;---Appeals of *Thomas Simson*, *Peter Reid*, *Robert Irvine*, *David Johnston*, *John M'Taggart* and his Spouse, *John Ferrer*, *Francis Riddell*, *Quintin Dick*, and *David M'Murtrie*.

The Report of the Committee appointed on *Monday* last to prepare a Plan of the Method in which the Application to Parliament, then resolved upon, should be conducted, brought in and read, containing their Opinion, that, in raising

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ing of Summons for Modification, Locality, or Augmentation of Stipends, instead of the usual Method of summoning by a Messenger, it be sufficient, that a general Citation be made by every Parish Clerk, from the Desk, upon a Lord's Day, immediately after Divine Service in the Forenoon; and that Letters be wrote by the Moderator of the Presbytery to the absent Heritors, except such as are forth of the Kingdom, who are to be summoned by a Messenger, at the Marker Cross of *Edinburgh*, Pier and Shoar of *Leith*: That it shall be in the Power of the Moderator, with Consent of the Presbytery, to pursue for Modification, Locality, or Augmentation, whether there be a Minister settled in the Parish, or the Parish be vacant: That Ministers Stipends, if not paid within the Year, shall bear Interest from the first Half Year after they become due: That Power be given to the Commission of Tiends, to suppress Parishes which they find not proper to be continued separate Parishes, and to annex them to one or more of the adjacent Parishes: That the Commission have likewise a Power to alter the Divisions of Parishes, on a View to divide them as they see Cause: That in the Application to Parliament there be no Proposals made as to any Alteration of the *Minimum* of Stipend. The Assembly approved of all the Articles except the last Article, *viz.* That, in the Application to Parliament, there should be no Proposals made as to any Alteration of the *Minimum* of Stipend.----It was proposed that the same be left out, and that, in Place of it, there should be the following Clause, *viz.* Most humbly to pray for Relief in the Premises, and such further Relief, as to his Majesty and the two Houses of Parliament shall, in their great Wildom, seem meet. After reasoning, the Question was put, Approve of the last Article in the Committee's Report or not; it being understood that, if it carry, Not, the Clause above mentioned should be insert in Place of the Article not approved of; and it carried by a great Majority, Not; and the Assembly resolved accordingly. From the foresaid Resolution or Determination of the Assembly, rejecting the last Article of the Committee's Report, and admitting of the above mentioned Clause in Place thereof, the Right Honourable the Lord *Napier*, for himself and in Name of all who should adhere to him, entered his Dissent, craving he might be allowed to give in the Reasons thereof in due Time, to which Dissent the following Members adhered, *viz.* the Right Honourable the Lord Justice Clerk, the Lord Advocate, the Lord President, Lord *Shewalton*, Mr. *James Erskine*, Mr. *George Sinclair* of *Ulster*, Mr. *Gilbert Elliot*, Mr. *James Ker* of *Morison*, Mr. *John Stewart*, Mr. *William Kitpatrick*, Mr. *James Dundass*, Mr. *Alexander Hamilton* of *Pincatland*,
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Sir George Preston of Valleyfield, Mr. Archibald Campbell of Knockbuie, Mr. James Carnegie of Finhaven, and Mr. William Binning.

The Assembly then resolved, without a Vote, to send three Ministers and one Elder, as their Commissioners, to apply in their Name to the King and Parliament, for the Purposes above mentioned, viz. the Reverend Mr. Robert Patoun Moderator, Mr. Patrick Cuming Professor of Church History, and one of the Ministers of Edinburgh, Mr. William Steel Minister at Sorn, Mr. David Dalrymple Advocate, and Procurator for the Church; and they further recommended to Mr. William Steel, Minister at Dalsersf, to go along with the said Commissioners, and give them his Assistance. *Ibid.*

Upon reading the Minutes of Yesterday, George Peter of Chappel craved that it might be marked, that he now adheres to the Dissent then entered by the Lord Napier and others, against the Resolution of the Assembly. May 18th, Sess. 8.

A Committee appointed to correspond with the Commissioners named Yesterday to go to London, and give them Advice and Directions upon any Events that may happen; any five whereof to be a Quorum, and those of them who reside in or near the City of Edinburgh, to correspond with those at a Distance, that they may thereby be the better enabled to give Advice to the said Commissioners; and these Commissioners to direct their Letters of Correspondence to Professor Gowdie, who is to call a Meeting of the Committee, as often as Occasion shall require. *Ibid.*

The 1500 *l.* collected some Years ago for the Erection of new Parishes in Strathnaver, ordered to be heretably secured, at four and a Half per Cent. upon Lord Reay's Estate, the Interest whereof to be applied as formerly, for Behoof of the Ministers of Tong, Duirness, and Edrachillis; and a Committee named to see the Money lent, and the Security given. *Ibid.*

The Members from the Presbyteries within the several Synods appointed to meet among themselves, in order to bring in the Nominators of the Commission of this Assembly, according to the 6th Act of Assembly 1705. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for managing the Fund for a Provision to Ministers Widows, &c. produced, and ordered to ly on the Table till another Diet. *Ibid.*

The Call by the Parish of Dunse to Mr. Adam Dickson Probationer to be their Minister sustained, and the Presbytery of Dunse appointed, with all convenient Speed, to proceed to his Trials, and take the other necessary Steps towards his Settlement as Minister of the Parish of Dunse, so as his Ordination and Admission to that Parish be completed.

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pleated on or before the 28th Day of *Septemler* next; and the Commission impowered to judge and finally determine in any Reference or Appeal that shall regularly be brought before them, from the laid Presbytery, or Synod of *Merse* or *Teviotdale*, relative to the said Settlement. *Ibid.*

A List of Members from the several Synods brought in, and appointed as a Committee to draw the Commission and Instructions, and name the Members of the Commission of this Assembly. *May 19th, Sess. 9.*

A Committee appointed to consider the Report of the Committee named by last Assembly, for considering the Project of applying his Majesty's Royal Bounty, granted for Reformation of the *Highlands*, towards the making new Erections of Parishes, and to wait on his Grace the Commissioner, and confer with him upon the Subject, in order to forward that Design. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Visitors of the Register of the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty for Reformation of the *Highlands* brought in, and the said Register ordered to be recorded. *Ibid.*

Recommendation to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty for this Year, to take care that an itinerant Preacher, and also a Catechist, with sufficient Encouragement, be employed in the large Parish of *Ardnamurchan*. *Ibid.*

Act and Recommendation for a General Collection to be made at the Doors of all the Parish Churches in *Scotland*, upon the third Lord's Day of *November* next, for building and enduing a Church and School for the Protestants in *Breslaw*, the Capital of *Silesia*, brought in and approved, and the Money, so collected, appointed to be paid to *James Mansfield* Merchant and late Bailie in *Edinburgh*, or *William Hogg* Merchant there. *Ibid.*

The Accounts of the Procurator, and Agents, and Printers for the Church, with the Report of the Committee who have revised the same, brought in, and ordered to ly on the Table to be perused by Members. *Ibid.*

The Committee of Overtures appointed to consider the several Overtures transmitted by last Assembly to Presbyteries, and, next to these, an Overture sent to this Assembly from the Synod of *Merse* and *Teviotdale*. *Ibid.*

A Complaint of Heritors and others of the Parish of *Kenno-way*, against the Commission of last Assembly's Sentence, sustaining a Call by others of that Parish to Mr. *Neil Beton* to be Minister thereof, and another Complaint of the Callers of Mr. *Beton*, against the Presbytery of *Kirkcaldy* for not proceeding to Mr. *Beton*'s Settlement, heard; and the Assembly found that a Protest taken for Liberty to complain against the Commission's Sentence, was no sufficient Reason to justify the Presbytery's Disobedience to that Sentence; and the Presbytery of *Kirkcaldy* appointed

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ed with all convenient speed, to take the Trials and proceed to the Settlement of Mr. *Neil Beton* Probationer, to be Minister of the Parish of *Kennoway*, so as his Ordination and Admission shall be completed on or before the 28th Day of *September* next; and the Commission impowered to judge and finally determine in any Reference or Appeal that shall regularly be brought before them from the said Presbytery or Synod of *Fife* relative to the said Settlement. *Ibid.*

A Reference from the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, of a Cause brought by Appeal from a Resolution of the Presbytery of *Linlithgow*, delaying to appoint a Day for the Ordination and Admission of Mr. *James Watson* to be Minister of *Torphichen*, brought in, and considering that Mr. *Watson* had already past the usual Trials, and being found qualified, and his Edict served, and no Objection made to his Life or Doctrine, the said Presbytery appointed to meet at *Torphichen* on the second *Thursday* of *September* next, and then to ordain and admit him to be Minister of that Parish. Mr. *John Adams* Minister at *Falkirk*, appointed to Preach and preside at the said Ordination, and in case he shall not be in Condition to perform that Service, the next to him, to whom it falls in Course, is ordered and required to do it; and it is recommended to the several Members of the Presbytery to attend upon that Occasion and give their Concurrence, and the Moderator is appointed to write Letters to the Patron and other Gentlemen Heretors who concur with Mr. *Watson's* Call, recommending to them to be present to countenance and support the Presbytery in the Execution of this Sentence, and also to give all Protection and Encouragement to Mr. *Watson* in the Exercise of his Ministry. *Ibid.*

A Complaint by *Andrew Wright* Shipmaster in *Dumfries*, against the Committee of Bills for refusing to transmit an Appeal taken by him from a Sentence of the Synod of *Dumfries*, rejecting his Appeal from a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Dumfries*, finding that they could not absolve him from the Scandal of Fornication whereof he was charged to have been guilty with one *Jean Porteous*, until he should either confess and give Satisfaction, or purge himself by Oath, tabled, and the whole Cause referred to the Commission, with Power to them to cognosce and finally determine therein as they shall find just. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to prepare the Draught of an Address to his Majesty on the late Increase of the Royal Family by the Birth of a Prince. *May 21st Sess. 10th.*

A Petition of Mr. *John Skeldoch*, in Name of the Presbytery of *Tong*, for an itinerant Preacher, Schoolmaster, and Catechist to the Parish of *Farr*, referred to the Committee

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mittee for managing the Royal Bounty this Year. *Ibid.*
The Report of the Committee appointed to wait on his Grace the King's Commissioner, and confer with him on the Proposal of applying to his Majesty, in order to have his Royal Bounty employed to the Purpose of new Erections of Parishes, brought in, bearing, that his Grace gave them all due Encouragement, and was so good as to promise his Assistance in forwarding it, so soon as that Matter was found sufficiently prepared for an Application to his Majesty. His Grace thanked by the Moderator at the Desire and in Name of the Assembly; and the Commission empowered to take the Matter under Consideration, and to apply to his Majesty for the Purpose abovementioned, as they shall be advised, and as shall be judged proper. *Ibid.*

The Commissioners named to make Application to the King and Parliament anent Augmentation to Ministers Stipends, appointed to have their necessary Charges and Depurments defrayed out of the publick Fund of the Church, as is usual in the like Cases, and authorised to call for all authentick Papers and Reports upon the Subject of the Augmentation. A Committee appointed to revise such Reports from Ministers relating to their Stipends and Parishes, as have come up since preparing the Abstract produced by the Committee of last Assembly, and to see the same insert and justly stated in the Scheme Book; and the several Presbyteries, to whom the Brethren who are named Commissioners do belong, are appointed to supply their Charges during their Absence; and all Presbyteries, ordered to address Noblemen and Gentlemen within their Bounds in the most respectful Manner, for their Countenance and Concurrence in promoting the Success of this Application. *Ibid.*

A Petition for the Presbytery of *Vist*, for having two Missionaries constantly employed in their Bounds, referred to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty this Year. *Ibid.*

The King's Warrant for 1000 *l. Sterl.* as his Royal Bounty for encouraging itinerant Preachers and Catechists in the *Highlands* and *Islands*, given in by his Majesty's Commissioner, read and recorded. *Ibid.*

The Draught of a Commission to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty, brought in and approven. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for naming the Members of the Commission, and drawing Instructions to them, brought in and approven. *Ibid.*

An Appeal by the Magistrates, Town Council, Heritors, Elders and Heads of Families of the Town and Parish of *Tain*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Ross*, affirming a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Chanonry*, refusing to

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to transport Mr. *Alexander Frazer* from *Avoch* to *Tain*, heard, and the said Mr. *Frazer* continued in his Charge at *Avoch*. *Ibid.*

Overture about the more frequent Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. *May 21st p. m. Sess. ult.*

Overture about the Psalmody. *Ibid.*

Overture about licensing Probationers. *Ibid.*

Overture anent Presbyteries neglecting to send their Opinions on Overtures transmitted to them by the Assemblies. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to consider of a Method for securing the Execution of the Sentences of the Assemblies and Commissions, and to prepare an Overture thereanent to be laid before next General Assembly; and in case Presbyteries shall be disobedient to any of the Sentences of this Assembly, in the particular Causes which have been determined by them, the General Assembly impowers their Commission to call such Presbyteries before them, and censure them as they shall see Cause. *Ibid.*

An Overture from the Synod of *Merse* and *Teviotdale*, for applying to Parliament for having the Law of Patronages so explained, as to prevent unqualified Patrons from substituting others to present *pro hac vice*, referred to the Commission, that they may prepare an Overture thereon to be laid before the next Assembly. *Ibid.*

The Presbtery of *Dumblane* authorised to lay out the Money collected some Years ago, for the Erection of a new Parish at *Norrystoun*, in such Manner as they judge proper for the Benefit of the incumbent Minister or Preacher at *Norrystoun*, and for better securing the Fund. *Ibid.*

The Draught of an Address to his Majesty on the late Increase of the Royal Family by the Birth of a Prince, brought in and approven, and his Grace the Commissioner undertakes to transmit the same to his Majesty. *Ibid.*

Overture anent Processes against Probationers. *Ibid.*

Act approving the Accompts of Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, his Intromissions with his Majesty's Allowance, for defraying the publick Charges of the Church, for the Terms of *Ladyday*, *Midsummer*, *Michaelmas* and *Christmas* 1749, and appointing a Balance of 16 l. 17 s. 3 d. *Sterl.* in his Hands, to be charged in his next Accompt. *Ibid.*

Act approving the Accompts of *Robert MacIntosh*, Agent for the Church, and Sub-Clerk to the General Assembly, and appointing that he have Credit in his next Accompt for the Balance of 13 l. 2 s. 3 d. *Sterl.* due to him. *Ibid.*

Act approving the Accompts of *John Bailie*, conjunct Agent for the Church, and appointing that he have Credit in his next Accompt for the Balance of 25 l. 5 s. 3 d. *Sterl.* due to him. *Ibid.*

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Order for Payment of an Accompt due to the Printers for the Church, amounting to 22 *l. 5. s.* *Sterl. Ibid.*

The Report of the Trustees for managing the Fund for a Provision to Ministers Widows, &c. reproduced, containing a State of the Fund under their Managment, and an Account of their Proceedings since last General Assembly, and ordered to be recorded in the separate Register kept for that Purpose, *Ibid.*

The Reasons of Dissent entered by Lord *Napier*, and adhered to by several others, against the Resolution of the Assembly, appointing an Application to be made to Parliament anent the Augmentation of Ministers Stipends, brought in, and ordered to ly in *retentis*; (Mr. *Robert Dundas*, younger of *Arniston* having joined in the said Dissent,) and a Committee named to draw Answers there- to, which are also appointed to be kept in *retentis*, *Ibid.*

An Appeal of *Alexander Ross* of *Pitcalnie* and others, Callers of Mr. *Gilbert Robertson* Minister at *Kincardine*, to be Minister of the Parish of *Tarbat*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Ross*, sustaining a Call by other Heretors, and others of the said Parish of *Tarbat*, to Mr. *George Balfour* Probationer, to be their Minister, referred to the Commission, with Power to them to cognosce and finally determine therein as they shall find just. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee upon the publick Money brought in, and the Sum of 100 *l. Scots* ordered to be paid yearly to *Archibald Govan* Clerk to the Procurator for the Church, in full for his Trouble in the Church's Affairs, in place of the casual Emoluments which he has been in use to receive at consulting of Causes and giving Advices, to take Place from *Whitsunday* last. *Ibid.*

Three distinct Copies of all the publick Accompts ordered to be laid before the Committee for examining the same, at their first Meeting, that the several Members may have an Opportunity of examining them by themselves, if necessary. *Ibid.*

The Procurator and Agents for the Church appointed, upon the publick Charges, to appear in Defence of Mr. *James Stoddart*, second Minister of *Culross*, in a Process depending before the Court of Session, at the Instance of Mr. *Charles Cochran* of *Culross*, for having that Charge still declared vacant, and for empowering him to levy the Stipend as Patron. *Ibid.*

The Expences of a Process of Modification and Locality for a Stipend to the Minister of *Ardnamurchan* ordered to be paid out of the Church's publick Money. *Ibid.*

The Procurator and Agents for the Church appointed, at the publick Charges, to carry on two Processes for the Minister of *Cushney*, the one for an Augmentation of his Stipend,

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pend, and the other for discussing a Suspension of a Decreet for his Moss. *Ibid.*

The Desire of a Petition of the Presbytery of *Auchterarder*, in Behalf of the Minister of *Gask*, for some Allowance out of the publick Money, to carry on a Process of Modification and Locality for his Stipend, refused. *Ibid.*

The Procurator and Agents for the Church appointed, at the the Publick Charges, to carry on the necessary Process for obtaining a competent Stipend to the Minister of the united Parishes of *Walls*, *Sandness*, *Papastour* and *Foulla*. *Ibid.*

Report with Respect to the State of the Church's Funds brought in. *Ibid.*

Order for Payment of the Sum of 4*l.* *Sterl.* of *Viaticum* to one Commissioner from each of the Presbyteries of *Lorn*, *Mull*, *Tong*, *Gairloch*, *Dornoch*, *Caithness* and *Zetland*, and of the like Sum of 4*l.* *Sterl.* to each of the Commissioners from the Presbyteries of *Kirkwall*, *Cairston*, and *North Isles*. *Ibid.*

Order for Payment of 9*l.* 9*s.* *Sterl.* to *Walter Miller* Clerk to the Committee of the Synod of *Perth*, for his Trouble in the Process against Mr. *Gilbert Man*, in respect of the Speciality of the Case, which makes it not liable to be drawn into a Precedent. *Ibid.*

Two several Appeals, the one by the Callers of Mr. *James Sym*, and the other by the Callers of Mr. *John Skirvan*, Probationers, for supplying the Vacancy at *Alloa*, both from a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Stirling*, refusing to concur with either of the two Calls referred to the Commission, with Power to them to cognosce and finally determine therein, as they find just, and also to determine in any future Questions, that may be regularly brought before them by Appeal or Reference, in relation to the Settlement of that Parish. *Ibid.*

A Reference from the Synod of *Fife*, of a Cause brought before them by two several Appeals, the one by the Patron and Heritors of the Parish of *Inverkeithing*, Callers of Mr. *Andrew Richardson* Minister of *Broughtoun*, who is presented to the laid Parish of *Inverkeithing*, against the Presbytery of *Dumfermline*'s Sentence, refusing to sustain that Call; and the other Appeal by others of that Parish, Callers of Mr. *William Adam*, Minister of a dissenting Congregation at *Panefswick* in *England*, against the laid Presbytery for delaying to determine in the Merits of that Call, brought in, with a Complaint against the Committee and Clerk of the Presbytery who moderated in the foresaid Calls: and the Assembly referred the whole Cause to the Commission, with Power to them to cognosce and finally determine therein, and in all future Questions that shall regularly be brought before them

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them by Appeal or Reference, in relation to the Settlement of that Parish, as they think just. *Ibid.*

Another Reference from the said Synod of *Fife*, of an Appeal by *Robert Laing* of *Lindores*, Patron, who presented Mr. *Archibald Campbell* to be Minister of *Newburgh*, from a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Coupar*, finding that there was no Reason from Mr. *Laing's* Presentation, and other Papers produced, why they should not proceed to settle the Parish of *Newburgh*, *tanquam jure devoluto*, referred to the Commission, with Power to them to cognosce and finally determine therein, as they think just. *Ibid.*

Appeal by the Minister and Kirksession of *Burntisland*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Fife*, dismissing a Process at their Instance against Mr. *James Wilson* Schoolmaster at *Burntisland*, for Malversation in his Office, referred to the Commission, with Power to them to do therein as they see Cause. *Ibid.*

Appeal of Mr. *James Ker* Minister at *Dun* from a Judgment of the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*, dismissing a Process, at his Instance, against two Elders of his Parish, is referred to the Commission, with Power to them to cognosce and finally determine therein. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to cognosce and finally determine in two Appeals taken by Heritors, and others of the Parish of *Logie*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Fife*, appointing a new Moderation of a Call for supplying the Vacancy in the said Parish; and also to judge and determine in any future Questions that shall be regularly brought before them, by Appeal or Reference, in relation to the Settlement of that Parish. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Merse* and *Teviotdale*, *Galloway*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, *Fife*, *Angus* and *Mearns*, and Presbytery Book of *Zetland* attested. *Ibid.*

The Remarks made on the Synod Book of *Sutherland* and *Caitbriess* referred to the Commission, with Power to them to order the Book to be attested, if they see Cause. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Dumfries*, *Glasgow* and *Air*, *Argyle*, *Aberdeen*, *Moray*, *Ross*, *Glenelg* and *Orkney*, not being produced, are appointed to be brought up to the next Assembly. *Ibid.*

Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Heritors and others of the Parish of *St. Mungo*, Callers of Mr. *David Imrie* to be their Minister, against others of that Parish, for not insisting in their Appeal from a Sentence of the Synod of *Dumfries*, sustaining a Presentation and Call to the said Mr. *David Imrie* to be Minister at *St. Mungo*, and

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the said Appeal declared to be deserted and fallen from.
Ibid.

Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Synod of *Dumfries*, against *William Copland* Portioner of *Minigap*, for not insisting in an Appeal taken by him from a Sentence of the said Synod, in a Process of Slander against him, and the said Appeal declared to be deserted and fallen from.
Ibid.

Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Synod of *Fife*, against *John Brown* Gardener in *Inverkeithing*, for not insisting in his Appeal from a Sentence of the said Synod, remitting him back to the Presbytery of *Dumfermline*, in a Process of Scandal, and the said Appeal declared to be deserted and fallen from. *Ibid.*

List of Probationers in the Bounds of 37 Presbyteries produced, amounting to 132, and ordered to be recorded.
Ibid.

The Minutes of this Sederunt were read, the Minutes of former Sederunts being read at the Diets subsequent to each Sederunt. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Minutes of this Assembly's Proceedings, at this and all the other Diets thereof, and to pitch out such of the Acts of this Assembly as are to be standing Rules, or are of publick Use, in order to be printed. *Ibid.*

The Moderator's Speech to the Assembly and to his Majesty's Commissioner. *Ibid.*

The Lord Commissioner's Speech in Return, and then the Assembly was concluded.

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